



**U. S. COAST GUARD  
Chaplain of the Coast Guard**



**WILLIAM F. CUDDY, JR.  
CAPTAIN, CHAPLAIN CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY**

Born in 1949 in Boston, Massachusetts, Fr. Bill Cuddy attended Cathedral High School and graduated in June 1967, where he enlisted in the United States Navy in the 2x6 program. In June 1968, he reported to Newport, RI and was assigned to the USS ESSEX (CVS-9) until it was decommissioned in June 1969. He then reported to VA-42 at NAS Oceana, VA. He was released from Active Duty in February 1970 and entered college, graduating in 1974 from Fitchburg State College with a BS in Education (Industrial Arts).

From 1970 until 1977, he drilled as an ASM2 (Aviation Structural Support Technician – Mechanical), with a number of Reserve Squadrons and was commissioned an Ensign in March 1977 in the Chaplain Corps' Theological Student Candidate (TSP) Program. He received a superseding appointment in the Chaplain Corps (Reserves) in 1980 as a LT(JG).

He entered St. John's Seminary in 1974 and was ordained by Cardinal Humberto Medeiros on 15 September 1979, for service in the Archdiocese of Boston. His assignments in the Diocese included: Holy Family Parish, Rockland, MA (1979-84) and Cathedral High School (Chaplain) and technical assistant to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, MA (1984-90). During this time he served as a reservist with VTU 9191, VTU 103, FRSA LANT NLON DET 101, SUBLANT REL 101, 4<sup>th</sup> MSW MED MAG-49, Det A (HML-771). He reported for active duty in July 1990.

Chaplain Cuddy's assignments include: MCAS Cherry Point, NC (1990-92); 3FSSG, 3Supply BN, Okinawa (1992-93); NS Norfolk, VA (1993-95), during which he was assigned to JTF-160, Operational Sea Signal, Cuba (May-Aug 1994); USS PUGET SOUND (AD38), VA (1995-96). Following this billet he was tasked to provide coverage to: FTCTLANT, VA (Feb-Mar 1990) and USCG Cape May Recruit Center, NJ (Mar-Jun 1996). He then reported to the USCG Academy, CT (1996-98); RSG Mayport, FL (1998-01); MAG-14, MCAS Cherry Point, NC (2001-03); 1<sup>st</sup> MAW Okinawa, Japan (2003-05); Commander Second Fleet, Fleet Chaplain, Norfolk, VA (2005-06) and he is currently serving as Chaplain of the Coast Guard, Washington, DC.

Chaplain Cuddy's personal awards include but are not limited to: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Gold Stars, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hour Glass.